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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

**Fire detection and fire-fighting**

**20.**—(1) Where necessary in the interests of the health and safety of any person at work on a construction site there shall be provided on that site—

- (a) suitable and sufficient fire-fighting equipment; and
- (b) suitable and sufficient fire detectors and alarm systems,

which shall be suitably located.

(2) Any provision for fire-fighting equipment, fire detectors and alarm systems made under paragraph (1) shall have regard to those matters set out in regulation 18(4).

(3) Any fire-fighting equipment, fire detector or alarm system provided under paragraph (1) shall be properly maintained and subject to examination and testing at such intervals as to ensure that such equipment, detector or system remains effective.

(4) Any fire-fighting equipment which is not designed to come into use automatically shall be easily accessible.

(5) Every person at work on a construction site shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, be instructed in the correct use of any fire-fighting equipment which it may be necessary for him to use.

(6) Where a work activity may give rise to a particular risk of fire, a person shall not carry out such work unless he is suitably instructed so as to prevent, so far as is reasonably practicable, that risk.

(7) Fire-fighting equipment shall be indicated by suitable signs.